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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES

1. DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED DRAFT EMBASSY NOTE TO GOR WITH RESPECT TO SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES AND NOTES FURTHER ACTION BY US AND OTHER EMBASSIES WILL BE HELD OFF UNTIL RESULTS OF GERMAN EFFORTS DURING CEAUSESCU'S VISIT TO FRG ARE KNOWN.

2. IF NOTE IS USED, DEPARTMENT DESIRES CERTAIN CHANGES. FIRST SET OF CHANGES ARE MOSTLY EDITORIAL. NOTE SHOULD REFER TO VIEWS OF EMBASSY THROUGHOUT AND NOT TO THOSE OF SECRETARY OR DEPARTMENT OF STATE. EMBASSY REPRESENTS USG. ALSO, NOTE SHOULD STATE "EMBASSY WISHES TO POINT OUT" RATHER THAN "SECRETARY OF STATE HAS ASKED THE EMBASSY." FINALLY, PHRASE "LEGAL MERITS OF THE" IN THIRD PARAGRAPH IS BETTER LEFT OUT. SECOND, ENTIRE SENTENCE STARTING AT BOTTOM OF FIRST PAGE REFERRING TO DIPLOMATIC AND SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY SHOULD BE DELETED. NOTE, EVEN WITHOUT THIS SENTENCE, ADEQUATELY RESERVES U. S. POSITION. FYI. WE WISH GIVE FURTHER LEGAL STUDY TO THIS ISSUE AND, IN THIS CONNECTION, DEPARTMENT

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WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE IN DUE COURSE ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS
OF RELEVANT PORTIONS OF SOCIAL SECURITY LAW, SPECIFICALLY
THOSE RELATING TO DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL AND THOSE
APPLICABLE TO OTHER ROMANIAN EMPLOYERS NOT IN DIPLOMATIC

CONTEXT. IN ADDITION, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE
COPIES OF ALL OTHER EXCHANGES OF NOTES, LETTERS AND
COURT DOCUMENTS IF ANY AND POUR MEMOIRE OF FEBRUARY 13
SUBMITTED TO MFA BY DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS. PLEASE
FORWARD TO EUR/ EX. ROGERS

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